

1. Is it possible to bake a triangular cake and cut it into 2009 congruent triangular pieces?
2. Consider the finite sequences of positive integers

$$S_1 = 1, \quad S_2 = 1, 2, \quad S_3 = 1, 1, 2, 3, \quad S_4 = 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4$$

and if $S_n = s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m$, then

$$S_{n+1} = 1, 2, \dots, s_1, 1, 2, \dots, s_2, \dots, 1, 2, \dots, s_m, n.$$

Prove that if $n > 1$, then the k th number in S_n from the left is equal to 1 if and only if the k th number in S_n from the right is not equal to 1.

3. Let a and b be positive integers such that $ab + 1$ divides $a^2 + b^2$. Show that

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab + 1}$$

is the square of an integer.